

Amendment and Response

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2005. Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 20 were rejected. Claims 2-4, 6, 11, 13, and 18 have been objected to. With this Response, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended, claims 2, 13, and 18 have been canceled without prejudice as to the subject matter contained therein, and new claims 21-27 have been added. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-17, and 19-27 are therefore pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 2-4, 6, 11, 13, and 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of provisionally allowed claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is in a condition for allowance. Applicants also respectfully submit that as dependent claims 3-11 further define patentably distinct independent amended claim 1, these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of provisionally allowed claim 13, and claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 12 is in a condition for allowance. Applicants also respectfully submit that as dependent claims 14-16 and new claim 21 further define patentably distinct independent amended claim 12, these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance.

Independent claim 17 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of provisionally allowed claim 18, and claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 17 is in a condition for allowance. Applicants also respectfully submit that as dependent claims 19-20 and new claim 22 further define patentably

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distinct independent amended claim 17, these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance.

New independent claim 23 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of provisionally allowed claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 23 is in a condition for allowance. Applicants also respectfully submit that as new dependent claims 24-27 further define patentably distinct new independent claim 23, these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, 14-17 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,654,707 (Wynn et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,952 (King). Although Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, and 17 as described above to expedite the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-12, 14-17, and 19-27 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3-12, 14-17, and 19-27 is respectfully requested.



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